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Date:

March 13, 2023

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To:

Maui County Fire and Public Safety Commission

From:

Richelle Wakamatsu, Commission Assistant

Subject:

Mail-out packet for the Fire and Public Safety Commission Meeting

March 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., via BlueJeans

Please find the enclosed items:

- Fire & Public Safety Commission Meeting Agenda. It is in draft form since I will be posting it with the County Clerk's office a week prior to the meeting. The recorded agenda will be emailed to you after it is posted and distributed at the meeting.
- 2. Minutes from the previous Commission meetings.
 - a. February 16, 2023
- Maui Emergency Management Agency highlights for February 2023 did not arrive in time for the mailing. Depending upon when I receive the report, it will be either emailed or distributed at the meeting.
- Fire Department highlights for February 2023
 - a. Monthly Report
 - b. Incident Report
 - c. Training Report
 - d. Department Monthly Update
- 5. Battery Emergencies Presentation

**NOTE: Please email or call me if you <u>WILL / WILL NOT</u> be attending the March 23rd FPS Commission meeting!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming meeting. If for some reason you are not able to attend the upcoming meeting, or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 270-7560 or by email at richelle.wakamatsu@mauicounty.gov. Thank you!

COUNTY OF MAUI DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & PUBLIC SAFETY 200 DAIRY ROAD KAHULUI, HI 96732

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FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

(All meeting materials are available at: https://www.mauicounty.gov/DocumentCenter/Index/5462)

Thursday, March 23, 2023 10:00 A.M.

> Meeting Site: Online Only

Phone Testimony: 1.408.915.6290, Meeting Code: 699 574 589
Video Testimony: Log on to https://bluejeans.com and enter meeting code
Physical Location: Admin Conference Room 200 Dairy Road Kahului, HI 96732
*Subject to change without notice. Visit mauicounty.us for more information

Members: Kyle Ginoza (Chair), Lisa Vares (Vice Chair), Dwight Burns, Punahele Alcon, Max Kincaid Jr., Makalapua Kanuha, Gordon Gillis, Dale Parsons, and Gerald Matsui

AGENDA

- CALL TO ORDER.
- II. ROLL CALL.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.
 - a. Meeting on February 16, 2023
- IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS.

Members of the public are welcome to testify about any agenda item either at an appointed time in the agenda, or at any other appropriate time during the meeting until the meeting concludes.

V. MAUI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.

Director's Report on Activities for February 2023

- a. Administrative
- b. Planning.
- c. Preparedness.
- d. Training & Exercises.
- e. Response.

VI. FIRE DEPARTMENT.

- a. Maui Fire Department Informational Reports for February 2023.
 - i. Number of Incidents for the Month.
 - ii. MFD Training Report listing all Training Conducted.
 - iii. Monthly Update

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- b. Fire Chief.
 - i. Department Highlights.
 - ii. County Council and Mayor Interaction
 - iii. Other County Departments / State of Hawaii Interaction
- c. Deputy Fire Chief
 - i. Department Interviews and Promotions
 - ii. Department Improvement Committee Update
 - iii. Apparatus and Equipment Committee
 - iv. Union(s) Interaction
 - v. Transmittals from the Public
- d. Assistant Chief of Operations
 - i. Major Incident Summary
 - ii. MFD Bureau Updates:
 - 1. Ocean Safety
 - 2. Training
- e. Assistant Chief of Support Services
 - i. MFD Bureau Updates:
 - 1. Fire Prevention Bureau
 - 2. Health & Safety
 - CIP/Major Facility Project Highlights
- f. Guest Presenter: Firefighter III Richard "Alika" Apana
 - Topic: Battery Emergencies

VII. END OF TERM APPRECIATION

Commission Chair Kyle Ginoza

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME.

April 20, 2023 Via BlueJeans 10:00 AM

VIII. ADJOURNMENT.

AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION.

IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING (I.E., LARGE PRINT, AUDIO-TAPED TEXT, SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER, HANDICAPPED-ACCESSIBLE PARKING, ETC.), PLEASE CONTACT THE FIRE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION SECRETARY RICHELLE WAKAMATSU AT (808) 270-7560. SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE AT LEAST THREE (3) BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING, REQUESTS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE MAY NOT BE MET. IN SOME CASES, SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE EVEN IF REQUESTS ARE MADE BY THE DEADLINE.

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			1	February 16, 2023
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l	1	FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION	1	(February 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m.)
	2	COUNTY OF MAUI	2	* * *
	3		3	CHAIR GINOZA: Good morning, everyone. Today is
	5		4	Thursday, February 16th, 2023, and I'm calling to order the
	5		5	Fire and Public Safety Commission meeting for today. My name
	7	TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS	6	is Kyle Ginoza, chair of the commission, and I'm in my office
	8	REGULAR MEETING	7	in Makena by myself. I'd like to do a roll call of members,
l	9		8	so please state your that you're in attendance and if
	10		9	you're alone I'm alone in my office if you're alone and
	11		10	where you're at.
	13	Held via BlueJeans, commencing at 10:00 a.m., on	11	Vice Chair Lisa Vares.
	14	February 16, 2023.	12	VICE CHAIR VARES: Hi. Lisa Vares here in my home
	15		13	office in Wailuku, and I am alone.
	16		15	CHAIR GINOZA: Great. Thank you, Lisa. Good
	17		16	morning.
	16	REPORTED BY: SANDRA J. GRAN, RPR/CSR #424	17	Dwight Burns. COMMISSIONER BURNS: Hey, good morning, everyone.
	20	The state of the s	18	I'm here in my office. I'm alone in my office in Wailuku.
	21		19	CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Dwight.
1	22		20	Punahele Alcon.
١.	23		21	COMMISSIONER ALCON: Hi, Punahele Alcon at home on
	24		22	Molokai by myself.
	23		23	CHAIR GINOZA: Thanks, Punahele.
			24	Max Kincaid, Jr.
7			25	COMMISSIONER KINCAID: Hi. I'm here in my home, and
		February 16, 2023		February 16, 2023
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1		ATTENDANCE	1	my wife is in the background.
2	COMMISS	ION MEMBERS PRESENT:	2	CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Thank you, Max.
3	Kyle Gino	za, Chair	3	Makalapua is not able to make it today, so she's
4	Lisa Vares	s, Vice Chair	4	excused.
5	Dwight Bu	ırns, Member	5	Gordon Gillis.
6		Alcon, Member	6	(No response.)
7		id, Jr., Member	7	CHAIR GINOZA: I see Gordon just joined. Maybe he's
8		llis, Member	8	not quite ready.
9		ons, Member	9	Dale Parsons.
10 11	Geraid Ma	tsui, Member	10	COMMISSIONER PARSONS: Aloha. I'm here at my home
12	STAFF:		12	in my home office in Hana, and I'm alone.
13		/entura, Fire Chief	13	CHAIR GINOZA: Great. Thank you, Dale.
14		oka, Deputy Fire Chief	14	And Gerald Matsui. COMMISSIONER MATSUI: This is Gerald Matsui. I'm in
15		esea, Assistant Fire Chief	15	my office in Wailuku, and I am alone.
16		ndo, Assistant Fire Chief	16	CHAIR GINOZA: Great. Thank you, Gerald.
17		re, Deputy Corporation Counsel	17	And, Chief, who do you have?
18		/akamatsu, Commission Secretary	18	CHIEF VENTURA: Good morning. Here at Kahului Fire
19		ndaya, Maui Emergency Management Agency	19	Station in our conference room: Off camera, we have Richelle,
20			20	commission secretary; myself; Chief Fujioka; Chief Giesea; and
21			21	the presenter today, Firefighter Stankis. Nobody else with us
22			22	in this office, and we have remote Chief Lindo on Molokai
23			23	today.
24			24	CHAIR GINOZA: Great, thank you.
25			25	And I believe we have Caleb Rowe from corporation

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9 COMMISSIONER MATSUI: Approved. 10 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay, great. So we have more than 11 five, so the minutes are approved. 12 Next, I'd like to move on to any public testimony. 13 And to remind everyone, people from the public are able to 14 testify at any time during the meeting, but right now is when 15 we have our public testimony if anyone wants to chime in. 16 So, Richelle, do we have anybody signed up to 17 testify? 18 MS. WAKAMATSU: Nope, I have no one here to testify. 19 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Richelle. 20 Is there anyone on the call that wants to testify? 21 Please speak up at this time. 22

CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Hearing none, public

mentioned, are able to accept public testimony any time during

testimony is closed for this agenda item, but we, as I

assured that we're working with HIOSH as well as our department and other departments. Corporation counsel and risk management are all involved, as well as the union. And when the HIOSH investigation is complete, we will share it in your direction and go over anything that comes out of it. We can do that either in this forum or in an executive session, however the chair and commissioners decide to do it.

Along that note, I wanted to thank very much so Commissioner Matsul. You know, he's part of our health system up there at Maul Memorial, and the hospital staff throughout the week that we were planted on property was extremely helpful and supportive. Not just the doctors and nurses, but also the chaplains and, you know, they stayed in communication with us and the family by the hour and just to try to make people as comfortable as possible. So that is what I can say about the firefighter's fatality. It's a line-of-duty death, so there's a lot of stuff that we have to do moving forward.

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In anticipation of this week's coming weather that we all anticipate kind of moving into the state and especially our county this afternoon and evening, I'll give you some of the ideas of what we've done to prepare for that. We have deployed Fire 3, Hanalel, Chief Hanalel Lindo over to Molokai to provide some overhead support there. They were quite impacted by the recent flooding in previous storms, so we want to be able to provide them with some chief of operations support while we're here on Maul. We spoke with the Lanai and Hana communities, as they are both isolated and expecting to get heavy rain, especially in Hana, and so we're looking at possible additional manpower in those areas today, tonight, and tomorrow.

We are attending National Weather Service updates at the EOC both physically and virtually and then disseminating all of that weather information out to our crews so they can just be as aware as possible of the timing of this incident with the weather coming in. And then we've provided direction to all of our fire personnel not to engage in activities around culverts unless there's life at risk until all of this clears and we get some better direction.

So that's the first two topics I just wanted to touch on. I'll go over the handouts that I usually go over with you all. Let's go over the monthly update first to kind of share where we have been getting around. So December, we

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were able to provide two retired captains with memorial services, so on that -- on the pictures in the monthly update, you'll see that Captain Cretton, who retired several years ago, had passed away, so we worked with his family and provided a nice memorial up in Kula Station, which is where they were -- they were from and memories of him working there during his time here. And Captain Alwohi was our training captain for many years, and so he had a large impact on our department, especially in the late '80s-'90s, where he trained a lot of our firefighters who came in, so that was a big service that we had.

And then the Kahuola Award that we gave out on your behalf to the Four Seasons beach crew, that was a nice presentation and that event we had down in Four Seasons Wailea on behalf of the beach crew who has, you know, saved multiple lives down on the beach. So they were very grateful for the award that you all bestowed on them.

Sorry, the first page of that has mostly some of the same updates, you know, the monthly update, and it talks about a lot of our budget things that we're going through. We're halfway through this year's budget, and so at this point in the year, we really want to have most of our projects really into the third quarter of the project so that we know we're gonna accomplish it before the fiscal year runs out.

We're very, very active on our current recruitment

and promotions. Chief Fujioka will go over that.

And then we added this section to the monthly update, Ask the Fire Chief, and basically, a lot of times, people might have questions, and they don't always reach our office. They might only reach the battalion chief level or such, so we wanted to give them an opportunity to ask all the way up to our office. Which we always have an open-door policy, and we want to support them, but we made it more evident that they can reach out to us with a question or a comment or just something they want explained better. Then we'll be happy to share it with the whole department 'cause if one person's wondering or asking a question, there's probably more people thinking the same way and wondering the same thing.

The last two handouts are our call volume for the month, and it's just the first month of the year, so you'll see a short chart there. It's as expected and in line with our total annual numbers with about a thousand calls. And Chief Lindo will go over any major incidents that happened there.

And on the training report, you know, our focus was on a variety of things this month. And I am certain that our new training captain is coming out with his master calendar for the next year, so we'll be able to resume a lot of the training that's been kind of on hold during that transition of

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training captains.

So that is those three handouts. I'll move on to my one-page report to you all here. We had a transition of many people in county government, so we -- the mayor conducted a nice awa ceremony on the lawn of the county building one nice Sunday morning, and it was a good ceremony for all the directors to get together, kind of a meet-and-greet, as well as do a commitment to their community, a commitment to their county, and a commitment to each other to, you know, do the best that they can in their upcoming term. So it was a good ceremony that we shared with them.

We did meet with the budget director several times as the mayor is right now evaluating the current proposed budget by all the departments. We were asked by the budget director and managing director to create quite the reduction in our budget, so the final numbers on equipment requests -- we were requesting about \$5.6 million, and they had us reduce that by \$1.4 million of equipment, so quite a substantial reduction, and -- but we're working with them to, you know, kind of hold our line in the sand where we need things versus where we can maintain and pull maintenance on things to extend the life of some other things, so that -- that occurred over the last couple of weeks, meeting with them.

Lots of county council interactions right now due to

the new council members being voted in as well as the new

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1 state personnel. 15

committees they're creating, so we're fitting into a new

2 committee with a different kind of agenda. So I just kind of

3 grouped all these council members together. What we discussed

with them is basically all the activities that are happening 4

5 in their district and our department, whether it's new

6 apparatus, construction of, you know, a building or apparatus

7 bay. We discussed these items with all of the council

8 members, and it was nice to meet with most of them, all of

9 these people in person and go over their district priorities

also moving forward in how we can support them.

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On the back of my report, a few things that I'll highlight. The South Maui Community Plan, we're staying actively engaged. We have evening meetings with the community to discuss their desires and how we can support or fit in, and then also where -- what our department needs are in the future. These community plans tend to be around for a long time, and so, for example, in South Maul, our Kihel Fire Station is in the Zone X or in the flood zone. So we just wanted to make sure everybody was aware of that in the, you know, eventual event that the sea level does rise to the point we need to move the fire station, everybody would have been -known that this is gonna happen.

Spent a day in Honolulu meeting with the House of Representatives. There are some new House reps, and then there are some older House reps who have new responsibilities.

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For example, representative Kyle Yamashita is in charge of the

2 finance committee now, so myself, along with other fire

chiefs, made a point to go to his office. We're supported

4 with our Makena lifeguards through a lot of their actions, so

5 that is important for us to continually get that support

6 financially as well as, you know, if there's emergency 7

procurement down there 'cause a lifeguard tower gets damaged,

vandalized, or otherwise isn't usable, we're gonna want to

9 have those relationships built so that we can do a quick

10 procurement for replacement. We did discover through these

conversations that there may be some equipment funding 11

12 available. In the last several, several years, it's only been

13 salary money, but we determined and talked to representatives, 14

and I've identified that they might be sending some equipment 15

money, which is huge, to support that Makena lifeguard, the

state park down there.

Homeland Security Grant, another meeting that, you know, Herman and myself went to to kind of make sure we -we're always in touch with the grant people and make sure we can try to understand the -- what's important to FEMA, HIEMA, and how when we write our grant, it's in line with their priorities and their threats so that we have a better probability of getting grant funds. So that was a wellplanned and well-prepared meeting that included Department of Defense, HIEMA, some FEMA reps, and military, county, and

2 I think the rest on my report is fairly vanilla. 3 Any questions or follow-ups on any of those topics?

CHAIR GINOZA: Any questions from commissioners for

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5 the chief?

(No response.)

7 CHAIR GINOZA: I have a question. So you mentioned 8 we're halfway through the fiscal year. How are you as far as, 9 you know, we've had a number of incidents, so were you -- do 10 you foresee going in for a budget amendment?

CHIEF VENTURA: So, as far as things that impact our budget, most of the time, it will be salaries due to large incidents. We're okay on that front right now. One of the things that is -- was outside of our control was that the unions were awarded temporary hazard pay during the COVID period, and so, for example, there was a lot of money given out for the temporary hazard pay. Some employees got several thousand dollars, and so that did impact our -- our A account or our salaries. But we're in communication with the budget director, and they do have a plan that if we do come up short towards the end of the year, they have funds that they'll be able to put into our account to cover that. As far as the large incidents we've been managing and our training, we've been continuously watching our A account to make sure that we

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CHAIR GINOZA: Okay, great. And then for the upcoming budget, you mentioned that for the C account, it's

keep it, you know, reasonable and keep it within our limits.

like, whatever, a roughly 20 percent decrease, but what about

A and B, salary and operations? What was the direction on

trying to either trim that or whatever?

CHIEF VENTURA: They did not ask us to trim anything there, so they -- this year, all of our unions renegotiated contracts, and all of them got raises, so in our A account, our salaries, we put the increases in the -- in our budget request. And they said that's something they can't control, so they're not -- they're not trimming anything there. In the B account, the operational account, we've noticed that we are short in some fronts; for example, our fire prevention bureau has been paying a lot more for their utilities because the cost of utilities has gone up, but the budget office is the one that makes those adjustments based on their communication with fuel and electric and water company rates. So we don't control it, the budget office deals with it, but they didn't

reduce anything there as well. CHAIR GINOZA: Okay, great to hear. Any questions from commissioners? (No response.) CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Oh, Lisa, do you have --VICE CHAIR VARES: Can you hear me? CHAIR GINOZA: Yeah, go ahead.

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1	VICE CHAIR VARES: Uh-oh. Now can you hear me?	1	phase of the the heavy rains that occurred, the flash	
2	CHAIR GINOZA: Yes.	2	flooding that occurred a month ago, especially in South Maui.	
3	VICE CHAIR VARES: Wow, that's great. Okay. I keep	3	Public works crews have been I mean, cleared out as much as	
4	getting notified that I'm being auto-muted.	4	they could the roadways there. And, of course, on Molokai,	
5	Chief, I had a question regarding the ongoing	5	with the Kapaakea, that's we've been we've sent crews	
6	incident investigation. Will the commission be given a full	6	out to that area. So even though it's a state a state	
7	accounting of the findings of that investigation when it's	7	road, public works crews were out there assisting with the	
8	completed?	8	, particular and the same and t	
9	CHIEF VENTURA: Yeah. The HIOSH report will be	9	people from my staff to do damage assessment as well as the	
10	public. It'll be published at the location of the injury, so	10	mayor's office. And so we were there and to look at	
11	for that workplace, it'll be Kihel Fire Station. And, you	11	various damages that were done to residences. There weren't	
12	know, it's a fully transparent process, so, you know, we	12	there weren't very many or there weren't any major	
13	expect multiple organizations and agencies picking up on this.	13	damages, most of them were minor damages, so so I don't	
14	The fire departments across America, they have a line of duty	14	think we'll qualify for individual assistance from FEMA.	
15	death website. NIOSH will get involved, they'll post it, and	15	And lastly, well, I think Chief Ventura already	
16	it'll be available to everybody.	16	mentioned the Homeland Security Grant Program. We were on	
17	VICE CHAIR VARES: Okay, I appreciate it. Thank	17	Oahu along with Deputy Chief Fujioka at the kickoff meeting	
18	you.	18	for the Homeland Security grant program, so I'm sure that the	
19	CHAIR GINOZA: Okay, thank you, Lisa.	19	fire department will be applying for those grants.	
20	Any other questions for the chief from	20	And lastly, we have a new director or new	
21	commissioners?	21	administrator for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, so I	
22	(No response.)	22	had a meeting with him a couple days ago and on Oahu, and I	
23	CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, thank you,	23	look forward to working with him. He is very excited about	
24	Chief.	24	working with the especially with the counties and helping	
25	And if you don't mind, I'd like to go on to MEMA	25	us with our with our needs here,	
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1	because Herman has joined. But before I hand it over to MEMA,	1	So that's all I have, Mr. Chair, pending any	
2	is there anyone from the public wishing to testify?	2	questions.	
3	(No response.)	3	CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you very much, Herman.	
4	CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, Herman, are	4	Any questions from commissioners?	
5	you there?	5	(No response.)	
6	MEMA OFFICER ANDAYA: Mr. Chair, I'm here.	6	CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, thank you so	
7	CHAIR GINOZA: Good morning. Go ahead.	7	much, Herman.	
8	MEMA OFFICER ANDAYA: Good morning, Mr. Chair,	8	MEMA OFFICER ANDAYA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank	
9	Commissioners. I apologize for being late this morning. We	9	you, Commissioners.	
10	had a National Weather Service briefing regarding the heavy		CHAIR GINOZA: Let's move oh, sorry, Dwight, you	
11	rains, and then I had a meeting right after that, so I was		had a question?	
12	trying to rush to get to this meeting. But I know		COMMISSIONER BURNS: (Shaking head.)	
13	Commissioner Gillis was in that meeting this morning with the	13	CHAIR GINOZA: Oh, okay. Thanks.	
14	National Weather Service along with Chief Giesea, and so	14	So let's move on to Chief Fujloka, please.	
15	that's what we've been preparing for. This weekend into next	15 16	DEPUTY CHIEF FUJIOKA: Good morning. Thank you,	
16	week, there's gonna be a lot of rain, and so we're still		Chair. Good morning, Commissioners. We'll go over my monthly	

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recovering from the heavy rains from about a month ago,

especially in South Maul and on Molokal, and so the grounds

are saturated, and so these rains may -- may be especially

impactful on the county so we're -- we're preparing for that

as meeting or -- we've been meeting with the departments,

everyone's getting ready for this rain event, so --

right now. We've been doing a lot of public messaging as well

we've been having briefings with them, with our partners, and

And as I mentioned earlier, we are in the recovery

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report starting off with our department interviews and

18 promotions. So we want to congratulate for the position of

"Hawana" Blackburn, and Kamuela Guth.

fire captain; we just promoted recently five of our members:

Our battalion chief of admin, which was a position

Kalani Nicholis, Jason Gamiao, Isalah-Futol Bicoy, Patrick

that we reorg'ed from the ocean safety chief position or

battalion chief 7. We just -- we had one applicant, so our

fire prevention captain, Ryan Otsubo, he was recently promoted

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effective today. He is the new battalion chief of admin.

Firefighter trainees: We just completed our

physical agility testing this past weekend and conducted several interviews. We are currently requesting another list of names, and we're gonna do a second physical agility test just because of the numbers 'cause it was abnormally really low, so we are requesting to do another PAT.

Ocean safety officer 3 is the lieutenant positions. I think we've got that scheduled for next week or the following week interviews for that position.

OSO 1s, which are our ocean safety recruits, the interviews were completed, and candidates were selected.

And also, our building maintenance repair candidate was selected, and coming up tomorrow, we have our fire equipment mechanic vacancy, and then we have interviews scheduled for that.

Moving on to department improvement committee, real quick, we're just doing some R&D on some new uniform pants or cargo pants for our personnel, so that just started. And then we're looking at a new duty T-shirt, it's like -- it's a dry-fit material that doesn't melt, and it's -- it can be used for fire, fire ground, so we're looking at some R&D on that.

Apparatus committee: We received the bids for our new hazmat truck, three tankers, and two mini brush trucks. The bids came in; we were within budget for the most part. We

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were short a little bit on our two minis, but we had money that we could move around within our budget to make up the difference. All of those vehicles are with corp counsel drafting the contracts, so we're moving on that.

New Engine 8 and new Engine 13, I just started getting photo reports for that, so the midpoint for those trucks. We're looking somewhere, probably late March/April, for a midpoint, and expected delivery somewhere during the summer, June/July.

Union Interactions: We did have our safety committee meeting conducted last month. No real interactions other than just some things going on with the investigation, as Chief Ventura mentioned.

And then transmittals from the public: We just received one letter that was sent to various entities. This was regarding -- it was a letter from Kihel Villages regarding illegal aerial fireworks during this New Year's celebration. It was sent to the Honu Alahele neighborhood board. So basically, they're gonna have heightened patrol or whatever you may call it during the 4th of July celebrations. They said they're gonna try to get video evidence to try and see if they can deal with some of these illegal aerial fireworks.

Oh, yeah. And then we got a -- a letter from the Ventura Fire Department. This is the department that we assisted when a firefighter passed away here on vacation, and February 16, 2023

we assisted with the hospital and the -- getting him to the
 mortuary, so they sent a letter thanking us for that.

And also, the county council sent us a letter
thanking us for -- we had our honor guard for their
inauguration, so they were present for the inauguration, and
also we had our firefighters perform the National Anthem for
the inauguration.

But that is it for my monthly report. If you guys
 have any questions, I'll be happy to answer.

10 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Chief Fujioka.
11 Any questions from commissioners?

12 (No response.)

CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, thank you, Chief Fujioka.

Again, before we go to Chief Lindo, is there anyone from the public wishing to testify at this time?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Seeing none, go ahead, Chief

19 Lindo.

ASSISTANT CHIEF LINDO: Good morning, Chair. Good morning, Commissioners. Good to see you guys.

My report, not very much to go over. You know, of course, dealing with this weather coming in, you know, huge dibs out to our personnel there, our captains, our battalion chiefs, and officers who, you know, of course, for some -- an

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event such as this, we like to prepare for the worst, hope for
 the best. But, you know, these guys, they're doing things and

thinking ahead to put plans in place so that we're -- we can

4 take care of our guys. So got to personally talk to every

5 district -- Lanai, Hana, Molokai -- to make sure that our guys

are as prepared as can be.

So for my report, you see the major incident summary of fire. January was a crazy month. I mean, look at the amount of structure fires we had. Pretty nuts to have that many structure fires in one month.

I want to go over into the training bureau side, and really just the main thing is the confined space and swift water training. Before the event even happened, our training bureau was already putting things in place to start the process of getting the new training going, and then, of course, that incident happened, so that is absolutely a priority in moving things forward and making adjustments on the way.

On the last page, as far as our ocean safety goes,
I'll just highlight a few things. As Deputy Chief Fujioka
talked about, OSO 1 recruitment. We had the interviews. For
the amount of candidates that we have, we still don't have
enough to fill, so our applicant positions are short, so we're
in the process of creating a new list, getting the
advertisements out there so we can get some new guys inside.

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The OSO chief's MQ is still being worked on.

January 13, we were able to meet, discussing that
gray water treatment system, and it's a treatment water system
that is already supposedly up in operation at Launiupoko.

That's the same thing that they want to do at Kanaha Beach,
which would absolutely impact our lifeguards there because the
office space that they want to use to set up these tanks would
be impacted, and we'd have to find a new area for them to be

in. So we're continually working with that and as we move

forward.

We did complete the OSO 3 admin lieutenant. Harold Teshima starts today. So that's huge for our ocean safety bureau, and as time goes by, I mean, those guys in there, their professionalism and the level of expertise just keeps growing and getting better and better, so it's awesome to see. It's also to see the integration and the -- and the coordination underneath our department, so awesome.

That's all I have. You guys have any questions, I can answer.

CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Chief Lindo.

Gordon, do you have a question?

COMMISSIONER GILLIS: Yeah, I have a question. Out of the four structural fires (inaudible) structure fires, do

we have a sense of how many of those would be residences than from that figure (inaudible) those residences?

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ASSISTANT CHIEF LINDO: Yes, so -COMMISSIONER GILLIS: Firefighters (inaudible) can
return?

ASSISTANT CHIEF LINDO: Yes, Commissioner. And absolutely, you know, in my next reports, I'll probably go ahead and make it clearer. So out of those four structure fires, three were residences, and one was business. And for my next reports, moving forward, I'll just go ahead, and I'll separate between commercial structures or residences if that's all right.

COMMISSIONER GILLIS: (Inaudible) sense of those three residences, the residents couldn't (inaudible) fire damage?

CHAIR GINOZA: Gordon, you're kind of cutting out. Could you either turn up your volume or speak louder?

COMMISSIONER GILLIS: Sure. Is that better?
CHAIR GINOZA: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER GILLIS: Okay. Just out of those three residences, do you have a sense of how many of those residents weren't able to return home immediately following the event as a result of damage or smoke, that sort of thing?

ASSISTANT CHIEF LINDO: Yeah, thanks for that question, Commissioner. Out of those three residences, they were completely not able to come in. The amount of damage far exceeded, so the people were not able to come in immediately.

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1 COMMISSIONER GILLIS: Okay. Thank you, Chief Lindo.
2 ASSISTANT CHIEF LINDO: Thank you.

3 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Gordon.

4 Any other questions from commissioners?
5 (No response.)

6 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, thank you,

Chief Lindo.

Next, let's move on to Chief Giesea. Good morning.

ASSISTANT CHIEF GIESEA: Good morning, everybody.

So, as usual, you have the written report. I'll just expand
 on a few things I think might be of interest to you folks.

Starting with the fire prevention bureau, we did have a -- one of our long-time county employees, Darlene Mansano, retired recently, and so one of our other account clerks moved over there to fire prevention bureau. Her name is Jill, and so she's getting oriented over there. You know, you can have a job description say account clerk 3, but depending upon where you work, the specifics of what you know and the processes can be quite different. So fire prevention bureau has a lot of unique things, so she's over there learning that, which is great that we were able to get -- get somebody over there.

You can see we're still doing plenty of training and public education, which is great. That was on hold, as we've mentioned a few times, during COVID, so we're making up for

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lost time there.

One thing we're explaining perhaps is this fire code and amendment process. So there have been some meetings to see if we can make that a little more efficient. This is one of the things the fire prevention bureau is nearly constantly engaged in. It's kind of like painting the Golden Gate Bridge; you know, you start from one end, by the time you get to the other end, it's time to restart the first end. So the way this works is the state and the counties have to have a fire code, and there are a number of model codes that are published for use throughout the country or even other places. And so the state is currently using a model called NFPA-1, and every three years, typically, anyway, that's the schedule when a new code comes out. So we adopt the model code, but it's never exactly what you want in your particular state or your local jurisdiction. There's always amendments you want to make, things you want to tweak about it, but that process takes a long time.

So the state will make a resolution to adopt the new version of NFPA-1, and then they have to get their amendments squared away, and then the counties have to work on getting our own local amendments to the fire code all squared away and actually in the local code, so they're enforceable. So that's a process that we're always engaged in, and we're trying to find ways to make that more efficient, and so that's what

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Moving on to the health and safety bureau, we did have -- you know, I can just talk a little bit about this oxygen regulator mismatch issue. This is one of those complications you don't think about when you make progress in one area. So one of the things we've done on the urging of our EMS program is change the oxygen delivery bottles in a lot of our stations to something smaller and, you know, just more compact that can fit in a backpack. It's just you're more mobile, more functional. So we got these new bottles, they're great for operations, they're working out well for us, and then one of the manufacturers decided to change the shape of the valve stem that goes in the bottle, and then suddenly a bunch of our regulators don't fit the bottles we just ordered. So we had to scramble to find a workaround and some different kinds of regulators that we could buy inexpensively on short notice, and we were able to make that work. So just a little insight into what they deal with on a semi-regular basis.

We were able to buy some extra fitness equipment this year with C account money because we saved a lot of money by changing the way that we do the shipping. So, for example, if we want to buy a treadmill, well, the treadmill is \$3,000 and -- roughly, and we want to pay that same company for shipping, they'll charge us, you know, for shipping, and we can, you know, one-stop-shop get it, but typically we get

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overcharged for shipping. So what our health and safety guys were able to figure out is a way to contract with a freightforwarding company, that way we can buy several treadmills, for example, put them all in one pallet with crate forwarding, and we saved enough in the shipping costs where we were able to buy several more pieces of equipment this year. So we actually got a head start on next year's budget, so that was good news there.

Last month January was Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month. I know we've mentioned this here and there in our meetings in the past. Cancer, I believe, is just now surpassing heart disease as the number one killer for firefighters, so it's something we're really trying to push awareness on and taking quite a few steps to, you know, change our protocols, our equipment, and help our -- you know, reduce our personnel's exposure to that. So we were engaged in -it's really a nationwide thing, so we were participating in that this last month. We're also working now on identifying cancer-screening protocols that we can incorporate into our annual exams for our firefighters. So there's a number of options out there, and we're weighing pros and cons. And we did get some grant money, as I reported to you previously, for upgrading our firefighter physical program, and that will incorporate some cancer-screening tools that we have not

employed up to this point. So that's some really exciting

1 news in health and safety.

Not a whole lot to report with respect to our CIP 3 facility projects. Some good news, we got a preliminary --4 not the final report, but a preliminary report from Bowers and Kubota, who's doing the professional facility assessments. They were out at Kaunakakai Station, and what they've shared 7 with us so far is no major structural issues were noted, which 8 is good news. We were afraid there might be some out there. 9 So in their assessment, nothing major that's pressing, and 10 we'll be getting the complete report soon. And then they're 11 scheduling their next set of inspections at Walluku Station 12 and Pala Station, so that project is moving along.

We did have a preconstruction meeting for our project at Makawao for the carport there.

Making progress on Lanai. We're getting -- getting the construction management team on board with those doing the work over there, and so that's moving along.

And then, we were able to install new lockers in the apparatus bays at Station 3 out in Lahaina, here in Kahului Station 10, and Station 11 in Napili, which is a big project much appreciated by the folks there.

And that's all I have to report. Are there any questions?

CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Chief Giesea. Any questions from commissioners?

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1 (No response.) 2 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, thank you 3 very much, Chief Giesea.

ASSISTANT CHIEF GIESEA: You're welcome. CHAIR GINOZA: Before we move -- before we move on

6 to our guest --7 (Background noise.)

8 CHAIR GINOZA: Sorry, somebody have a question? 9 (No response.)

CHAIR GINOZA: Oh. Before we move on to our guest presenter, is there anyone wishing to testify from the public?

(No response.)

CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none -- and I neglected to go over the award section. So, Chief Ventura, could you go back to your section and have a discussion on the award? Thank you.

CHIEF VENTURA: Thank you, Chair. Certainly. So in your packet are two Kahuola Awards. One is a revisit, and that's the single-page document that was the Goodfellow crew that helped overturn the vehicle on the pinned patient. And so we did confirm -- Richelle did some work and talked with those who put in the nomination, and there are three confirmed people from Goodfellow's to receive this award should you guys support it. And the others were just

witnesses there, then that's why there was some confusion as

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1	to who was gonna get the award for taking action versus who	1	Is there any discussion from commissioners?
2	was (inaudible). So that was the one that was possibly four	2	Warranted?
3	or five people, but we confirmed that it was three. Do you	3	(No response.)
1	want to vote on that or discussion on that before we move on	4	CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, let's do a
5	to the next award?	5	roll call vote.
6	CHAIR GINOZA: Does anybody have any questions on	6	Lisa.
7	that or need clarification?	7	VICE CHAIR VARES: I agree. Aye.
3	(No response.)	8	CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Dwight.
9	CHAIR GINOZA: Let's just go through all the awards	9	COMMISSIONER BURNS: Aye.
)	for nomination.	10	CHAIR GINOZA: Punahele.
ı	CHIEF VENTURA: Sure, okay. Okay, the the new	11	COMMISSIONER ALCON: Aye.
2	one, which is the three pages that you have before you, was an	12	CHAIR GINOZA: Max.
3	incident out in Keanae where a party was swept into the water.	13	COMMISSIONER KINCAID: Aye.
ŀ	After he fell in the water, a female jumped in to assist, and	14	CHAIR GINOZA: Gordon.
;	a local bystander who was there, named on this report as	15	COMMISSIONER GILLIS: Aye.
,	Kupa'a Luat-Hueu, ran over to get his fins and boogie boards	16	CHAIR GINOZA: Dale.
	and swam out to provide rescue to these people. He wasn't	17	COMMISSIONER PARSONS: Aye.
3	able to find the male party at the time, but he was able to	18	CHAIR GINOZA: And Gerald.
)	find the female party. She was unresponsive when he got to	19	COMMISSIONER MATSUI: Aye.
)	her. He brought her back to shore, where local residents	20	CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Thank you, Gerald.
ĺ	began CPR. Unfortunately, both victims that fell in the water	21	So, yeah, we all agree, so, Chief, please grant
	did pass, but there have been both phone calls to our office	22	these two awards on our behalf.
3	as well as this formal write-up to support Mr. Kapa'a for	23	CHIEF VENTURA: Okay, will do. And just for
	Kahuola nomination for his actions there that day.	24	everybody's situational awareness, we'll be out in Hana
-	CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you.	25	February 28th; Commissioner Parsons will be there with us to
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	Any questions or clarifications from commissioners?	1	present the award to the two gentlemen that went into that
	(No response.)	2	burning house to save the lady back in late 2022.
	CHAIR GINOZA: So, Chief, just to be clear, so we	3	CHAIR GINOZA: That's great. Thank you, Dale.
	just need to vote to award these two to these two awards to	4	So, Chief, let's move on to the last item, our guest
	these individual and group?	5	presentation. Do you mind introducing Officer Stankis?
	CHIEF VENTURA: Correct.	6	CHIEF VENTURA: Certainly. Thank you.
	CHAIR GINOZA: Okay.	7	So with us today is Firefighter Chris Stankis. He

CHIEF VENTURA: It's -- this award is given by the commission.

CHIEF VENTURA: And we do it on your behalf. So if you guys give us the nod, then we're happy to support you in

CHAIR GINOZA: Yeah.

that way.

> CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. I'm supportive of this effort, so let's have a motion and a second, and then we can have some discussion. So do I have a motion to grant these two awards

to the group, the Goodfellow group, and the individual --COMMISSIONER PARSONS: I move that we --CHAIR GINOZA: -- that the chief has mentioned? COMMISSIONER PARSONS: I move that we make --CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER PARSONS: -- the award.

COMMISSIONER BURNS: Second. CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Dale. And second by

Dwight. Thank you.

is out of Kihei Fire Station, where he spent quite a bit of his recent years there. He has ten years with our department, and he's involved in many fronts. Many of our firefighters who want to get involved in our department end up getting

involved in a lot, and that's because of their personality, and Chris is one of those. So along with our CPR program and

our CPR -- our hands-only CPR program that he'll be discussing today, he also is charged with running our CERT program with MEMA. He is part of our safety officer program both for our

incident management team as well as for our company officers. He also works hard with our social media, so he does all of

our posting on our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, as well as does after-hours and sometimes weekend PIO work to help Chief Yatsushiro.

And most recently, we wanted to thank Commissioner Gillis. They put on an outstanding effort up at Seabury to do hands-only CPR, and part of our CPR team was there to just be

support, but it sounded like it was a great, great event.

So without further ado, I'll hand it over to Chris and let him begin his presentation.

FIREFIGHTER STANKIS: Thank you, Chief. Good morning, Chair and Commission. Let me get this PowerPoint pulled up for you folks, and we'll hopefully be able to set this up so everybody can see what I've got here this morning.

CHAIR GINOZA: Chris, why don't you turn on your camera so we can see what you look like?

FIREFIGHTER STANKIS: All right.

(Pause for setup.)

FIREFIGHTER STANKIS: All right. So what I'm here this morning to give a little presentation on is our basic life support and resuscitation program.

(Pause for PowerPoint setup.)

CHAIR GINOZA: Richelle is coming over for some technical support. The share screen feature is not happy with

(Pause for PowerPoint setup.)

FIREFIGHTER STANKIS: All right. So this is our basic life support and resuscitation program. And in order to really talk about that, what we need to do is look at the cardiac chain of survival. It's a six-point chain that starts at the civilian level with rapid recognition of the situation and understanding that this person is having a cardiac issue, and then promptly activating the 911 system as well as early

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initiation of chest compressions, and then a prompt application of an AED to potentially correct the abnormal heart rhythms. And our advanced life support intervention, some of which we as the fire department are doing, some of which are being done by our EMS partners. And then, we have the hospital-level cardiac care, rehabilitation, and the post-incident lifestyle changes that take place to assist that person as they -- as they recover from the incident.

So a little bit of the organization of the program.

We actually fall under the training bureau.

CHIEF VENTURA: Sorry, we're having -- still having

some technical difficulties. We're gonna have to go to a chief version.

Go ahead.

FIREFIGHTER STANKIS: And then we're -- we're a subset of the department's EMS program. We have four primary responsibilities. The first one will be training of our new recruits, getting them their initial American Heart Association BLS for the health care provider training and their initial high-performance CPR training. Both of these take place at different periods during the recruit class. Then we also have responsibility for our training of incumbents. We do a biannual American Heart Association CPR recertification, and then we do the annual skills of BLS and

high-performance CPR skills maintenance, where we work through

kind of the finer appointments of resuscitation. And then we
 also train new instructor cadre members. We have five right
 now in the training pipeline at this time.

We also handle community training. It's a program we just had a little bit of involvement with in up at Seabury Hall. We stress hands-only CPR as well as orienting folks on the use of the AED, and we've also started to incorporate some stop-the-bleed materials, which is a program that was developed to teach lay responders how to deal with those life-threatening bleeding emergencies that if that bleeding is not stopped in a couple of minutes, that person may die from blood loss.

And then our cadre is also involved in the research, testing, and recommendation of new equipment and development of new skills training programs.

And then our accomplishments from 2021 to the present have been the use of feedback-equipped mannikin training aids that helps us refine and reinforce proper technique both for our compression and ventilation skills when we're working to resuscitate a patient.

Last year we trained 1160 students throughout Maui County, and this also included training 85 student instructors at Lahainaluna High School, who, during the course of this school year, will have trained all of the ninth graders at the school in hands-only CPR and AED administration. We've also

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assisted with the training of 500 students at Seabury Hall, and that just went on last week.

Some of our current and ongoing projects. We are currently evaluating the Lucas 2 and the Zoll auto pulse mechanical compression devices for our potential acquisition and future fielding. You might have noticed on the news this week Kauai Fire Department got a number of these devices due to the rural nature of a number of their communities, and now all nine of their primary apparatuses have one of those devices included in their complement of gear.

We also are -- our community CPR program, we have programs scheduled for King Kekaulike High School, Baldwin High School, Maui High School, we're gonna continue to support the program at Lahainaluna and Seabury Hall, and then we're looking to expand the program into Kamehameha Schools Maui as well as into the schools on Molokai, Lanai, and Hana at the high school level.

So as far as resuscitation cases, for 2022, we had 180 resuscitation or CPR cases. Of those, 17 times, we were able to successfully resuscitate the patients, which is about a 9.3 percent percentage, which puts us right on par with what the national average is. And when we talk about successful resuscitations, we don't just talk about the spontaneous return of pulse or the spontaneous return of breathing for a patient; we actually look at what happened to this patient

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after they got to the hospital. Were they discharged, and
 were they able to return back to their life in a fairly

undamaged condition, or were they someone who left the

4 hospital but ended up in a long-term care facility because

5 they were left in a vegetative state as a result of the

6 incident that took place? So we hold ourselves to a fairly

7 high standard.

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In 52 percent of our CPR cases, there was no bystander CPR being done prior to the arrival of first responders, and this is a statistic that really pushes us and motivates us when we talk about our community CPR programs because that is really what's gonna save people's lives. When we think about that chain of survival that I showed you on that initial slide, without that CPR taking place at the bystander level prior to our arrival, the odds become less and less that that patient is gonna survive once we get on scene.

There were 180 CPR cases last year; 124 of those were males, 50 were females, six of those cases, there was no sex designated for the patient. And 79 percent of those were residents, 17 percent of those were visitors. And the graph down at the bottom gives you a run of what age groups were the ones who were -- who were encountering these cardiac issues, and we see from about 51 to about 90 years of age is really the high point of the curve on those. Those are our folks most likely to suffer from some type of a cardiac incident.

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This next slide gives us a breakdown by station or district as to where these resuscitation cases took place.

The majority of them happening in places like Walluku and Lahaina, followed by the Kihei and Wallea corridor, as well as here in Kahului.

And then some of the significant challenges for us in improving our saved percentage is the lack of pre-arrival chest compressions or CPR. It only takes four to six minutes of no blood flow for profound brain damage and organ damage to begin to set in, so that's a very short window of time for someone to take action to really save that person's life, and this is why we continue to push our community CPR program.

Another one of our challenges is the rural nature of our districts and the extended response times. When we look at how long it takes a station like Paia to get out to a cardiac arrest incident in Haiku or for our folks out in Hana to get to someplace like Keanae, it's a long time while that person doesn't have the highest quality of care, doesn't have the type of advanced care that both us and our EMS partners are able to provide.

And another challenge is the overall aging population here in Maui County. We have not only our long-term residents, that boomer population that are retired and continuing to age, we have many retirees that have relocated to Maui. Kihei, in particular, has retirees from all across

1 the West Coast, including in Canada, that have taken up --

2 that have chosen to call Maul their home in their retirement

3 years. We also have a lot of folks, a lot of elderly folks,

4 who are being relocated here by their family. I have several

5 personal friends who have brought their elderly parents to

6 Maul and put them -- and either have them at home or some of

7 them in some kind of a care facility due to their age and

8 their inability to take care of themselves where they have

9 lived out most of their lives. And we continue to have the

10 challenge of relocating homeless folks, folks with really no

connection to Maul who have ended up here and have typically a
 long list of health problems that create challenges when we go

13 to treat them in a cardiac incident.

That brings the conclusion to my presentation. I'll be here to take questions that anyone might have at this time.

16 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Chris. I really17 appreciate it.

18 Any questions from commissioners?

19 COMMISSIONER GILLIS: I have a question.

20 CHAIR GINOZA: Yes, Yes, Gordon.

COMMISSIONER GILLIS: I'm just curious about the

22 advanced life support interventions that can be provided by

23 the fire department upon arrival. Is that the mechanical

24 devices?

FIREFIGHTER STANKIS: It's a wide variety of things.

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1 It becomes everything from the administration of an airway to

2 secure the patient's airway so that the ventilations are as

3 successful as possible and to minimize the amount of stomach

4 contents that end up in the patient's airway. It also has

5 Increasingly been the application of drugs, specifically

6 Narcan. The application of Narcan, even in cases where we've

7 been doing CPR for a period of time, we have not seen any

8 response from the patient, we've been able to administer

9 Narcan to them and start to get a response that we weren't

10 able to generate from our combination of chest compressions,

11 ventilations, and the AED. So those are two of the -- two of

12 the most regularly used advanced applications that we do here

13 at the fire department level, plus we're able to assist our

14 EMS partners with some of the interventions that they provide

15 as well, some of the additional drugs as well as some of the

16 more advanced airway devices.17 COMMISSIONER GILL

COMMISSIONER GILLIS: Thank you very much. Thank you.

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19 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you for the question, Gordon.

20 Any other questions from commissioners?

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, thank you

23 very much, Chris, for the presentation.

The last item we have on our -- well, is there anyone wishing to testify before we get to the end from the

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Ralph Rosenberg Court Reporters February 16, 2023 Reporter's Certificate 47 45 1 public? 1 CERTIFICATE 2 (No response.) STATE OF HAWATT SS. 3 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, so the last COUNTY OF MAUI 4 item we have is just the next meeting date. I was wondering I, Sandra J. Gran, Certified Shorthand Reporter for 5 if commissioners are available a week later than the date of the State of Hawaii, hereby certify that on February 16, 2023, 6 March 16th on March 23rd? Would anybody have a problem if we at 10:00 a.m., the proceeding was taken down by me in machine 7 change it to March 23rd instead? shorthand and was thereafter reduced to typewritten form under 8 COMMISSIONERS: (Shaking head.) my supervision; that the foregoing represents, to the best of 9 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. The reason is I cannot make my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings 10 the March 16th, and it is my last meeting, so I'd like to had in the foregoing matter. 11 11 participate. So the next meeting would be my last, and you 12 12 would elect a new chair and such. So seeing that there's no 13 I further certify that I am not an attorney for any 14 of the parties hereto, nor in any way concerned with the 13 objections, I will change the meeting to March 23rd for the 15 14 next meeting. 16 15 All right, thank you. So unless anyone has any 17 DATED this 28th day of February, 2023, in Maui. 16 objections, I would like to adjourn today's meeting. Or does 16 Hawaii. 17 anybody have any announcement, any commissioner have any 19 18 announcements or anything to bring up? 20 19 (No response.) 22 20 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, thank you 23 21 very much for --24 22 COMMISSIONER PARSONS: Excuse me. 25 23 CHAIR GINOZA: Oh, go ahead. 24 COMMISSIONER PARSONS: I have a question. 25 CHAIR GINOZA: Oh, Gerald. Yeah, go ahead. February 16, 2023 46 1 COMMISSIONER MATSUI: Can you -- can you be 2 reappointed? 3 CHAIR GINOZA: I don't think so. I think I have to 4 wait out a year. I don't know. 5 CHIEF VENTURA: We've had that question in the past 6 as far as when your term expires as a commissioner, they will 7 not allow you to stay on the same commission, but they will 8 allow you to volunteer for another commission. You can ask 9 Travis or Donna. 10 COMMISSIONER MATSUI: Okay, thank you.

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CHAIR GINOZA: Yeah. So I'll try again, but I think

So seeing that we don't have any other questions or

comments and it looks like there's no objection to adjourning,

everyone, for your time, and see you next month. Take care.

(The proceedings were adjourned at 11:08 a.m.)

it is 11:08, and I'd like to adjourn the Fire and Public Safety Commission meeting for February 16th. Thank you,

I have to wait it out. But thank you.



Fire & Public Safety Commission Fire Chief Report

Reporting Month: February 2023

Mayors' Office Interaction

Topic	Information			
Mayor/Managing Director	 Monday morning meetings to discuss county issues and work with other departments to increase efficiency. Departments provide to Communications team any "hot topics" that the media may be interested in. 			
Budget Director	 Had meetings with budget director to discuss unfunded equipment for expansion positions. Also discussed an initiative we are working on with Johnson Controls. 			

County Council Interaction

Topic	Information
Councilmember Tamara Paltin	 Met to discuss Puu Kekaa Tower update along with Ocean Safety recruitments. Also discussed the Temporary Hazard Pay that HGEA members received.
Councilmember Yukilei Sugimura	 Had a meeting to discuss budget amendment for a private donation we received from the Lahaina Community Had an additional meeting regarding fire flow for a project from one of her constituents. Landowner was asked to contact Lt Vaas to discuss options.
Councilmember Tasha Kama	 Met to discuss items in the Kahului district to include the currently funded Hazmat truck and the FY24 proposal for Rescue truck. Also discussed future admin building with sufficient training classrooms and warehouse.



Fire & Public Safety Commission Fire Chief Report

Reporting Month: February 2023

Miscellaneous

Topic	Information
Lanai Fire Station Pre- Construction Meeting	 Conducted with MEI Contractors, Parks Dept, and our team to discuss logistics and construction affects on station operations. Contractor mobilizing by end of March.
US Coast Guard	 Had a short workshop with US Coast Guard out of West Virginia and Honolulu to do a port assessment on Kahului Harbor.
Dept of Defense	 Met with Major General Hara and Brigadier General Logan to discuss training, building relationships prior incidents, and interisland support during large scale natural disasters Gave them a tour of our facilities and discussed Fire Dept capabilities and potential needs during a devastating hurricane event.
Mayors Communications Team	 Met with Communications Team to discuss how they can support our department and how we communicate media releases through their office.
Hawaii Fire Chiefs Assn	Attended a board meeting to discuss what training the association is going to provide counties this year
Kahuola Award Presentation	Presented the Kahuola Award to 3 gentlemen in Hana for their bravery at a structure fire where they saved a lady



Fire & Public Safety Committee Meeting

Reporting Month: February 2023

Deputy Fire Chief

Department Interviews and Promotions

Topic	Information		
Battalion Chief of Admin	Congratulations to Ryan Otsubo on being promoted to BC of Admin		
Fire Captain	Congratulations to Parrish Purdy on being promoted to Captain		
Firefighter III	Interviews on-going		
Firefighter Trainee	Second round of physical agility testing scheduled for 3/25		
OSO III	Congratulations to Hans Buetzer and Jasen Ka'imikaua on being promoted to OSO III		
OSO I	Candidates selected, recruit class to start 4/1		
BMR I	Welcome Ronald Kuailani		

Department Improvement Committee

Topic	Information	
R&D	Testing of various absorbent	

Apparatus Committee

Topic	Information
New H-10, T-3, T-13, T-	Contracts currently being worked on
7, M-2 & M-11	

Union Interactions

Topic	Information	
HFFA	Meeting with HFFA on current promotion process	

Transmittals from the Public

Topic	Information		
Letter of Appreciation	Received a letter from a visitor who appreciated the actions of an off-duty FF who rendered aid while he was at the beach with his family		
Public Condolences	We have received over fifty letters and cards from various Fire Departments and individuals offering their condolences for our fallen firefighter Tre Evans-Dumaran		



Fire & Public Safety Commission Assistant Chief of Operations Report Reporting Month: February 2023

Incidents

	incidents
Topic	Information
Major Incident Summary	FIRE • Feb 18 Major Occupancy Fire, Lahaina OCEAN SAFETY
	 Feb 7, Kamaole II. A 58-year-old female was walking the beach when she started having trouble breathing. Medics was called and evaluated the patient and was able to release the patient to the beach. Feb 8, Kamaole II. A 67-year-old female was wading in the water when she was knocked over by a wave and hit her ribs on the bottom. Patient was complaining of pain to her ribs that was radiating up to her neck. Medics evaluated the patient and transported her to MMMC. Feb 20, Ho'okipa Beach. A 31-year-old male was out surfing and dislocated his right shoulder. Medics transported to MMMC.
	39 Ocean Rescues

Bureau

Topic	Information
Ocean Safety	 On Feb 3, Zoom meeting with Sarah Reichert from Department of Water Supply on greywater water treatment plan. IT is currently testing out the Panasonic Toughbook
	at Kanaha Beach. So far it seems to be working ok. Battery runs out pretty quickly. • We had interviews for our OSO I positions on 2/6 -
	2/9. 9 accepted the positions. All 9 showed up for an orientation on the 21st.
	Feb 10 Went to Oahu for the Hawaiian Lifeguard
	Association Board of Directors Meeting.
	 Working on quotes for Makena equipment.



Fire & Public Safety Commission Assistant Chief of Operations Report

Reporting Month: February 2023

- Had a Zoom meeting with Wendy Hawkins with Team SOS on their computer data collecting system for lifeguard agencies, but their system is geared toward a dispatch system. So it wouldn't work for us.
- We brought in the last recruit class to do their final evaluation before moving them in to their OSO II positions.
- Our 3 Bigfoot Beach trailers came in for our 2023 budget.
- Working on improving Street LG in electronic data collection, report submittal, and simplify to complete reports.
- Our OSO III Admin Lieutenant Harold Teshima started working on 2/16.
- Got about 90% of our lifeguard through USLA training day 1, up at Ho'okipa.
- Creating new spreadsheets for upcoming expansion positions, schedule, vacation, and attendance logs.
- Creating safety messages using QR codes.
- Dealing with day to day operations. Vacations, updating schedule, transfers, equipment, ordering supplies/uniforms, and personnel issues.



Fire & Public Safety Committee Meeting

Reporting Month: February 2023

Assistant Chief of Support Services

Fire Prevention Bureau

Topic	Information
Highlights	*Former FPB Captain Otsubo promoted to newly-created BC of Admin *Former Inspector Parrish Purdy promoted to FPB Captain *Second FPB Captain position to be filled by end of FY '23 *Office space addition project continuing—but with second BMR to assist!
	*Completed public school inspections
Plans Review	New Plans Received: 83 New Plans Reviewed (Initial): 58
*Note Totals do not include subdivisions.	Total Plans Reviewed: 181 Plans Approved: 98 Plans Pending: 251
Fire Inspections	On Request: 8 Program: 149
Permits and Licenses Issued	Permits: 15 (events, fire protection, aerial display, fireworks, HazMat, LPG, PV) Licenses: 0
Fire Investigations	Brush: 0 Structure: 2 Vehicle: 0 Unauthorized Burn Investigation: 0 Requests for Investigation Reports: 2
Training and Public Education	*MAPPS permit and plan review email training with Account Clerk III *HazMat refresher for all FPB staff *iPad training for all inspectors (how to use during inspection) *Risk-based response to battery emergencies training *Purchasing Essential class
County / Community Meetings	*CM Sugimura to discuss fire flow requirements *Maui County Hotel and Resort Security Association: emergency planning, inspections and fire extinguisher training *Firefighter Safety Guide (internal): raffle dates, procedures, distribution, communication with schools



Fire & Public Safety Committee Meeting

Reporting Month: February 2023

Health & Safety Bureau

Topic	Information
Highlights	*Two personnel sent to mental health workshop on Big Island
	*Statewide wellness meeting
	*Utilizing new cooperative purchasing agreement for medical supplies through MMCAP Infuse
	*HFD contract we use to purchase turnout gear was renewed
Projects	* Continued procurement and distribution of fitness equipment
•	* Negotiating with vendor regarding sizing issue for recently purchased wildland respiratory protection
	*Researching cancer screening options, and putting together final specifications for upgraded firefighter physical exams
	*Arranging for SCBA and air compressor training for new personnel
	*Cleaned out and reorganized Dairy Road warehouse
	*Finalized, produced and distributed exposure control plan binders for each apparatus in Fire and Ocean Safety

CIP/Major Facility Project Highlights

Topic	Information
Professional Facility Assessment	Still awaiting formal report for Kaunakakai. Inspections conducted at Wailuku and Pa'ia stations— awaiting reports, but near-term roof replacement recommended at Pa'ia.
Lanai Station Expansion	Pre-engineered steel building approved for production. Construction crews mobilizing at the end of March!
Makawao FS Carport/Work Shed	Temporarily stalled due to surprise requirement for backflow prevention device.
Ho'olehua FS Renovation and Carport Addition	Contractor still at work. Contract time extended. No appreciable change.
Haiku FS Planning and Design	Design reviewed and accepted; contract and notice-to- proceed sent to AHL. Several meetings have been held to finalize various elements of design, including water tank location.
Puko'o FS Relocation and Renovation	Environmental assessment has begun. Contract with Nishikawa executed for topographical surveys, design, permitting, etc. Home inspection complete. Per DCAB, facility must be ADA compliant even though it is not open to the public. [No appreciable change.]



Fire & Public Safety Committee Meeting Reporting Month: February 2023

FS Painting (Various)	Wailea Station beginning this month. Hana and Lanai stations to begin in April.
Kahului Hose Tower Stairs	Still on the back burner, pending identification and
Refinishing	selection of contractors. [No appreciable change.]
Apparatus Bay Locker Project	New lockers installed for Station 3, 10, 11. PAU!
Apparatus Bay Floor Resurfacing	Bid opening in early April.
Pa'ia Station Roof Replacement	Received approval from Budget Director for \$350,000 to
₹.	allocate for this project from Countywide Fire Facilities
	CIP account. Proposal sent to Johnson Controls.
Wailea Station Fuel Tank	Unanticipated replacement needed. Received bids—
Replacement	lowest was \$125,000!

Maui Fire Department Incidents and Fire Loss for the Calendar Year 2023

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	luC	Aug	Sep	Ö	Nov	Dec	YTD Total
Fires:													
Building	9	1											
Cooking Fire, confined	8	3											
Vehicle	11	9											
Abandoned Vehicle	6	14											
Brush/Grass	15	8											
Forest	0	3											
Dumpster/Trash Can	9	1											
Trash/Rubbish	9	3											
Other	2	4											
Total Fires	57	43											
Medical-Assist Medics	164	148											
Medical-First Responder	209	435											
Rescue, Swim & Surf	31	16											
Rescue	5	8											
HazMat	17	25											
False Alarm	49	39											
Other	401	338											
Total Alarms	1331	1052											
Total # of Acres Burned	0.23	0.01											
Total Dollar Loss	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00 \$35,600.00											

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01-00-00 Understand Laws and Regulations	2	06-70-08 Formal Hazmat Training Class: Other	43
01-04-00 Review Department Documents	2	06-80-00 Hazmat Training. Other	18
01-04-03 Review Department Standard Operating Guidelines	26	07-01-00 Ladder Operations	6
02-06-00 Portable Fire Extinguishers	5	07-03-00 Forcible Entry Techniques	34
02-08-00 Rescue and Extrication	5	07-05-00 Salvage Operations	2
02-10-00 Ground Ladders	9	07-06-00 Interior Operations	.5
03-00-02 Water Tanker Operations	9	07-08-01. Positive Pressure Ventilation Operations	9
03-00-03 Aerial Operations	5	07-09-00 Vertical Ventilation	9
03-02-00 Hydraulics	6	07-11-00 Controlling Utilities	9
03-05-00 Preventative Maintenance	92	08-00-00 Primary and Secondary Surveys	5
03-06-00 Safe Driving Techniques at Open Road	249	09-02-00 Prepare Pre-Fire Plans	6
03-06-01 Pumper Operations	24	09-02-01 Response Area Familiarization	14
03-08-01 Fire Hose, Appliances, Nozzels and Overview	10	09-02-02 Flood Zone Awareness	27
03-08-02 Fire Hose Evolutions	5	09-14-00 Fire Safety Presentation	10
04-04-02 Wildland Hose Deployment	5	10-00-00 Prepare Pre-Incident Plans	31
05-01-02 Knots, Bends & Hitches	15	10-04-00 Safety and Risk Management	43
05-01-03 Tools & Equipment	13	12-00-00 Mayday Procedures	2
05-02-00 Search Operations & Victim Management	2	12-05-00 SCBA Familiarization	B
05-02-02 Victim Management	4	14-01-00 Operate Radios	5
05-02-04 Victim Extrication	19	15-02-00 Size-Up	95
05-07-00 Vehicle Extrication Operations	4	15-03-00 Perform Rescue Techniques	П
05-07-03 Vehicle Stabilization	4	15-05-01 13/4' Preconnect Deployment	18
05-08-00 Water Search & Rescue	4	15-05-02 2.5' Hose Deployment	84
05-08-01 Hazard Recognition	9	15-05-03 Horizontal Standpipe Deployment	5
05-08-04 Victim Packaging	9	15-05-04 Advancing Hose up a Ground Ladder	4
05-08-08 RWC Operations	6	15-05-05 Advancing Hose Above & Below Grade	9
05-08-09 Rescue Boat Operations	4	15-05-07 Standpipe Operations	9
05-08-13 Water Rescue & Recovery	2	15-05-08 Master Stream Deployment	63
05-08-15 RWC Awareness	4	15-18-00 Control Vehicle Fires	Ŋ
05-11-00 Rope Rescue Operations	2	15-22-02 High Rise Fire Response	ın
05-11-01 High Angle	œ	23-01-01 Don and Doff PPE	_
05-12-00 Rope Rescue-Continuing Education	4	27-00-08 Continue, Support and Terminate Command	91
06-30-08 Combustible Gas Indicators	12	E02-C AHA CPR INSTRUCTOR CLASS	9
06-30-11 Infrared Spectroscopy	10	E02-F-23-CPR 2023 CPR Refresher	25
06-70-04-A Hazmat FRO Refresher A	198		TOTAL: 1,539

FIRE & PUBLIC SAFETY MONTHLY UPDATE

BUDGET

- o 3 RWC for OSB arriving this month
- o 1 RWC for R-10 arriving this month

Recruitments

- Congratulations to Capt Ryan
 Otsubo on being promoted to
 Battalion Chief of Admin
- Congratulations to Jason Gamiao, Kalani Nicholls, Isaiah-Futol Bicoy, Patrick "Hawana" Blackburn, Kamuela Guth, and Parrish Purdy on being promoted to Captain
- o Interviews scheduled for Firefighter III Vacancies
- Second PAT scheduled for Firefighter Trainee
- Congratulations to Harold Teshima on being promoted to (Admin) OSO III
- O OSO III interviews scheduled
- o OSO I candidates selected

ASK THE FIRE CHIEF

Personnel can ask questions to the Chief. If you would like a question to be answered on the next newsletter please email your question to fire.dept@co.maui.hi.us.

Department Psychologist
Dr. Alicia Rodriguez
808-818-8850

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: Call or Text 988

FIRE.Operations

Incidents for January 2023

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Fires	57
NUMBER OF ACRES BURNED	0.23
Other Responses	
Medical — Assist Medics	164
Medical — First Responder	607
Rescue — Swim & Surf	31
Rescue	5
Hazmat	17
False Alarm	49
Other	401
TOTAL ALARMS	1,331
TOTAL DOLLARS LOSS	\$9,500.00

Ocean.SAFETY

Incidents for January 2023

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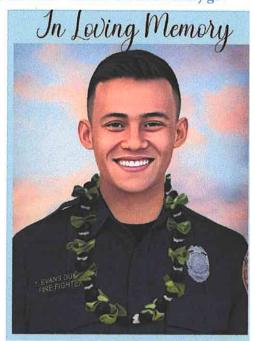
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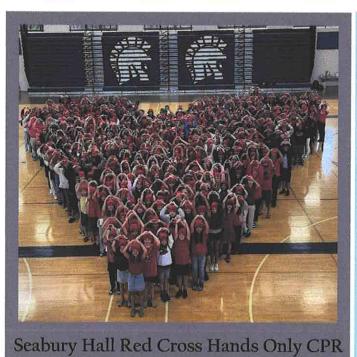




Thank you all who have donated slippers to The Maui Cookie Lady's Slippah Drive.



Tre' Evans-Dumaran





Congratulations
To Coach Mike Ritter and the Maui Prep swim
team for capturing both boys and girls MIL
Championship Team tiles.

BATTERY EMERGENCIES

FIRE COMMISSION, MARCH 2023

WE WILL CEASE TO EXIST IF WE CEASE TO EVOLVE,

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PPE

Testing

Treatments

Hazmat 10

ZIMS

TSA

Homeland Security

BATTERY EMERGENCIES

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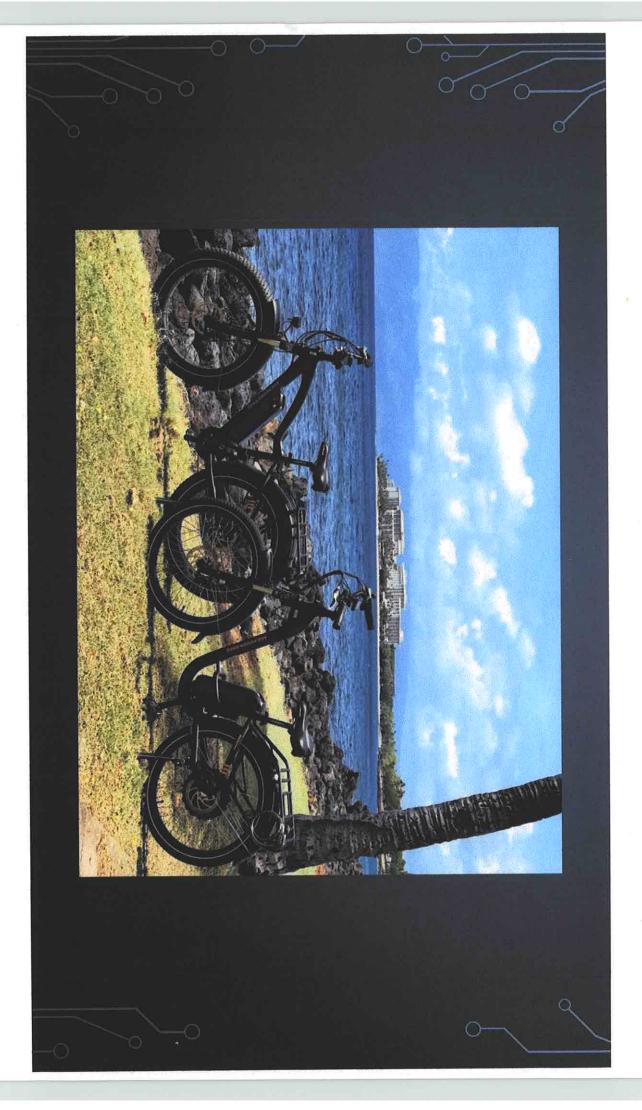
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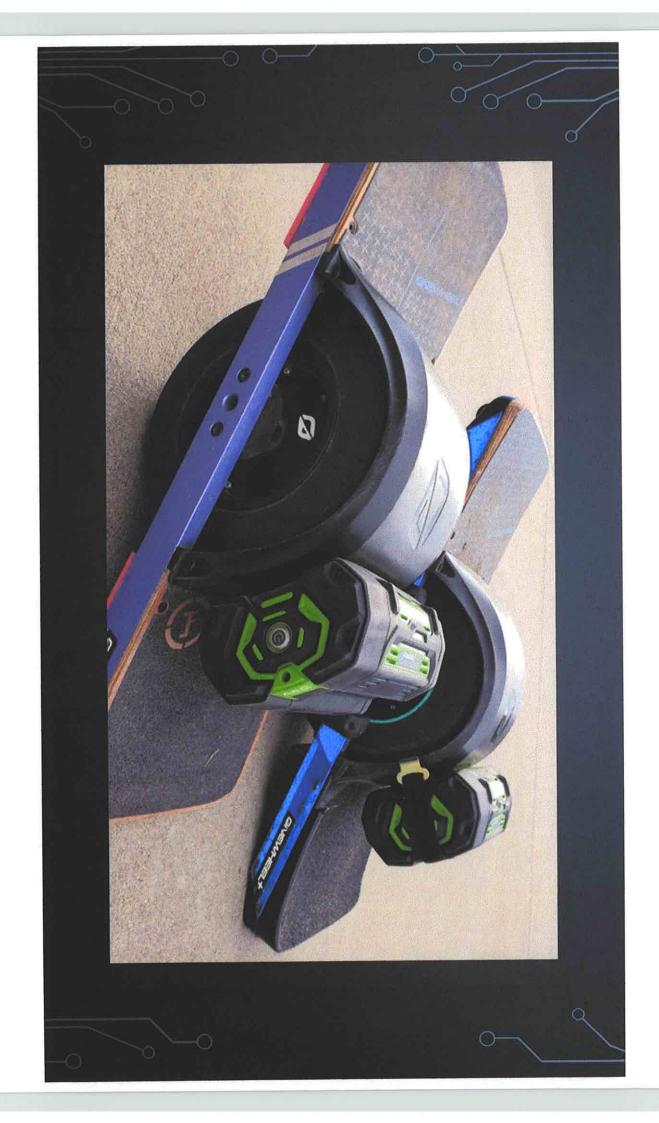
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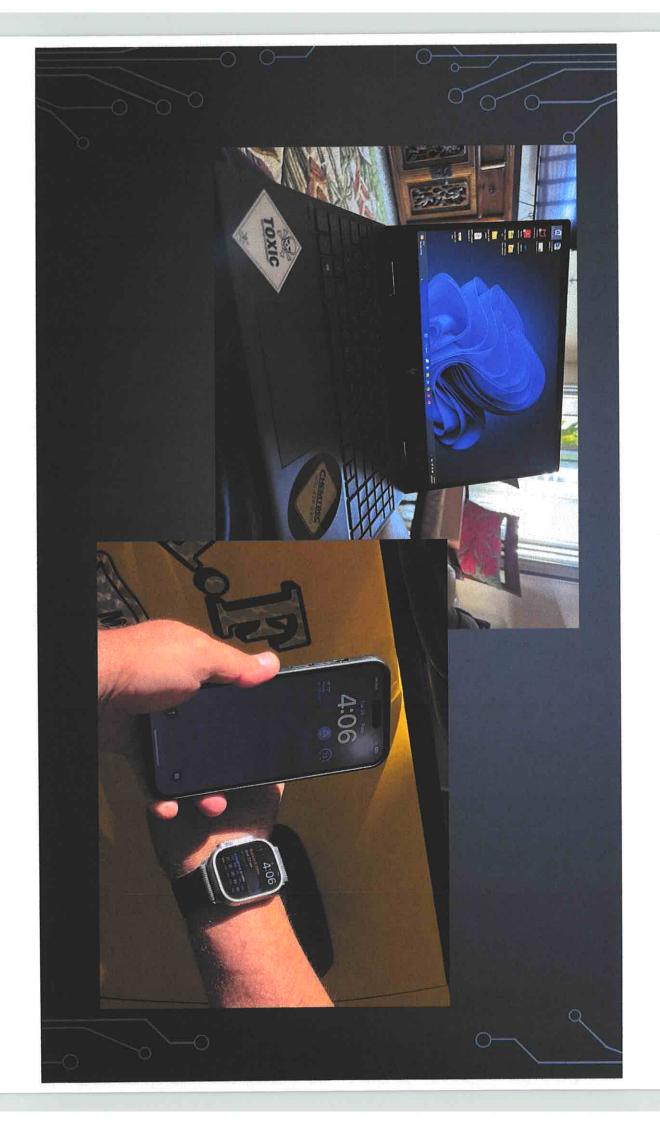
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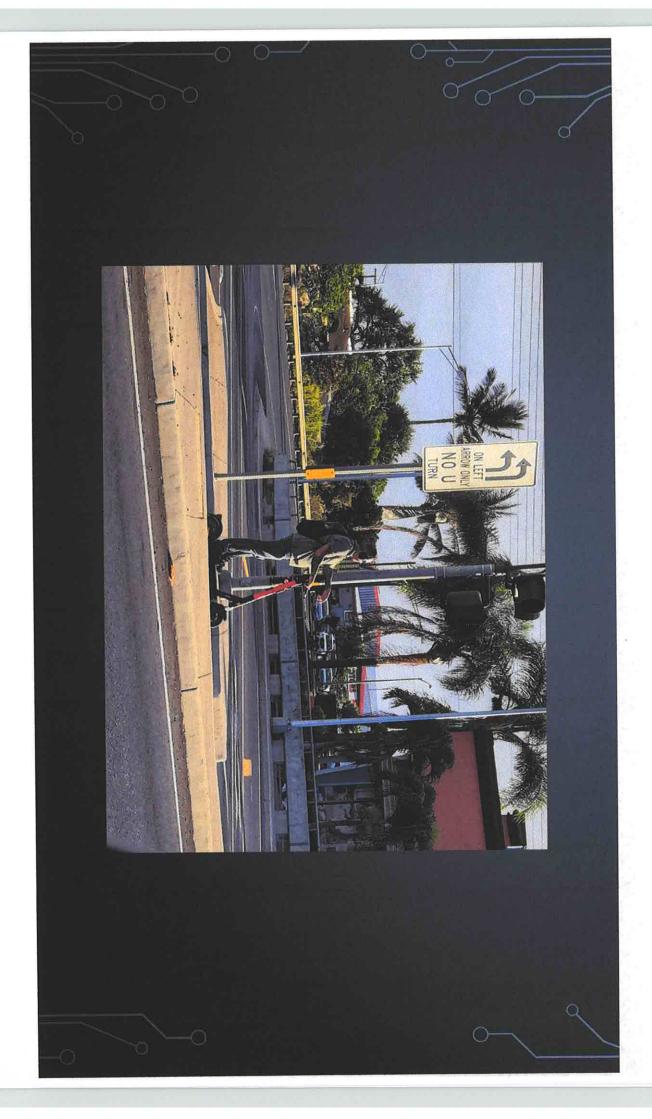
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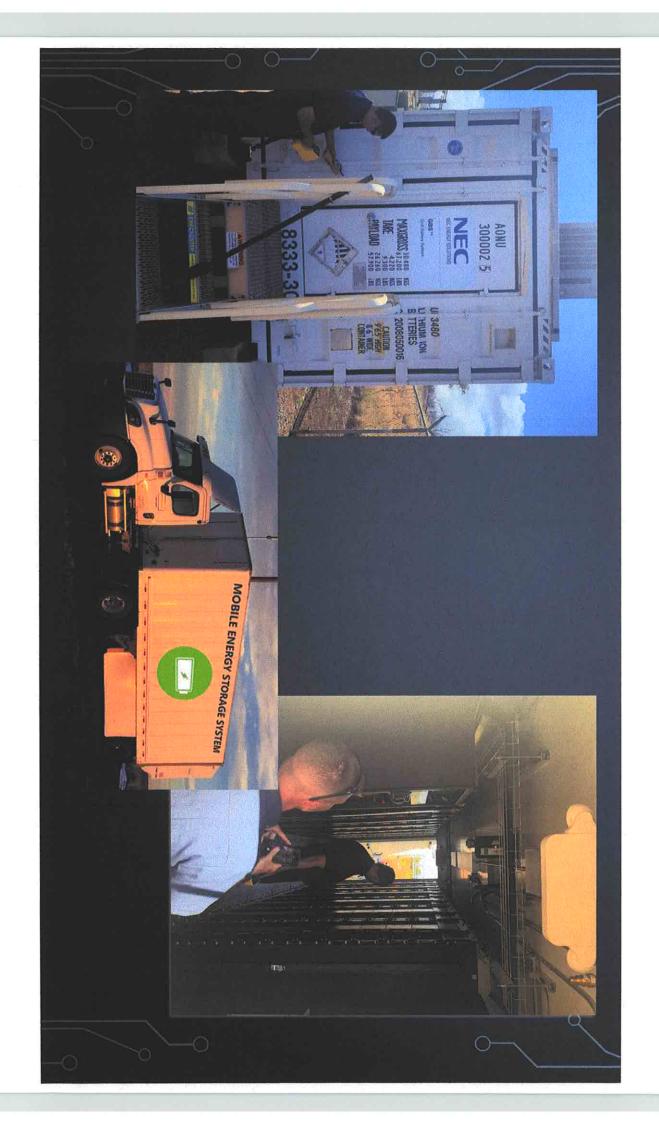
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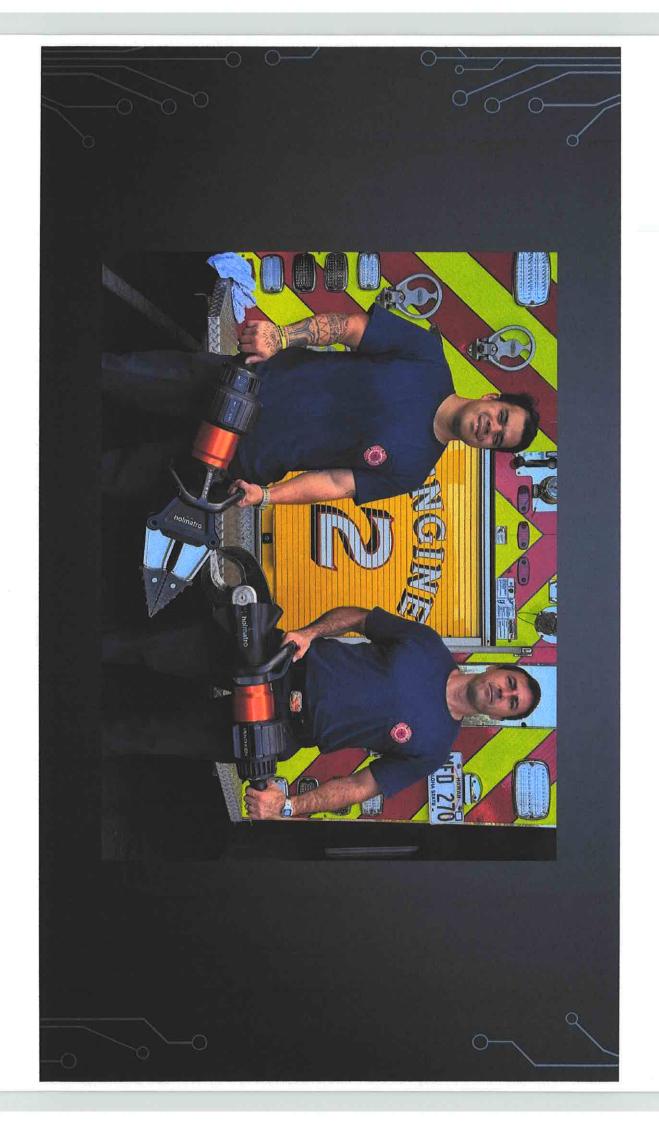


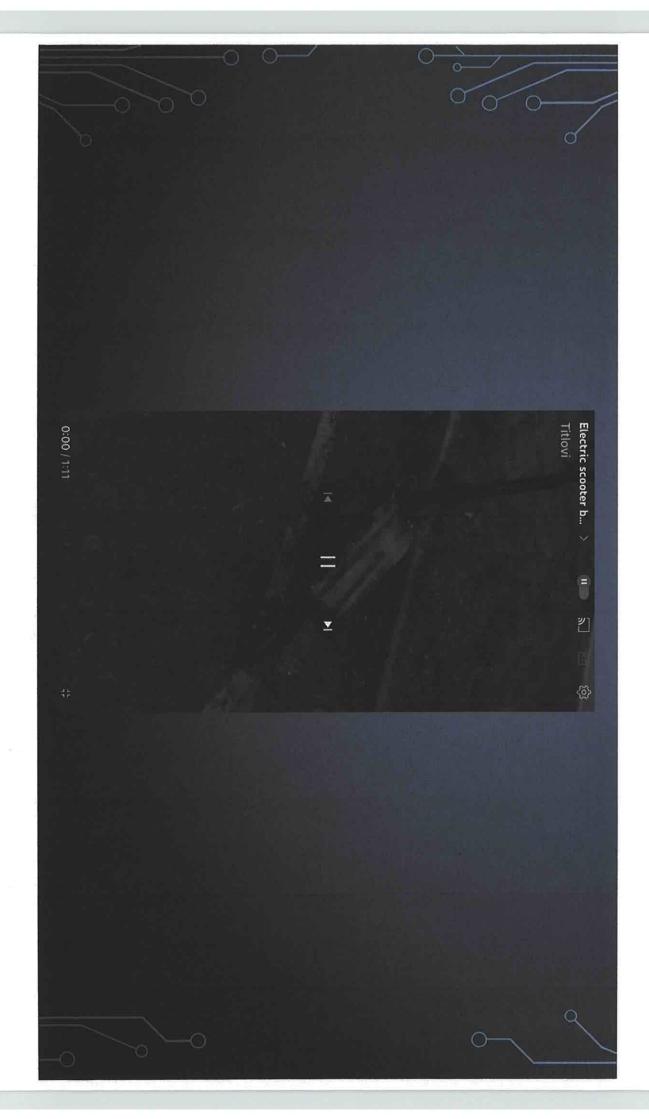










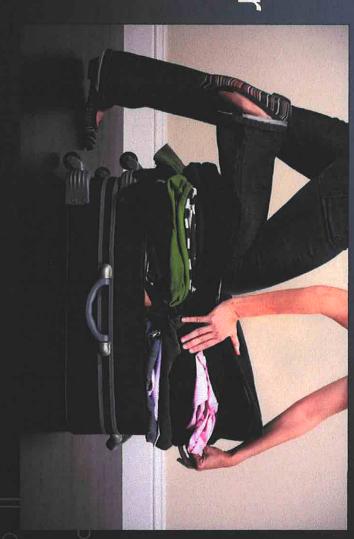


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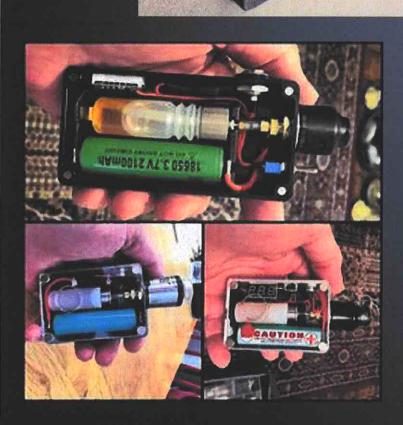
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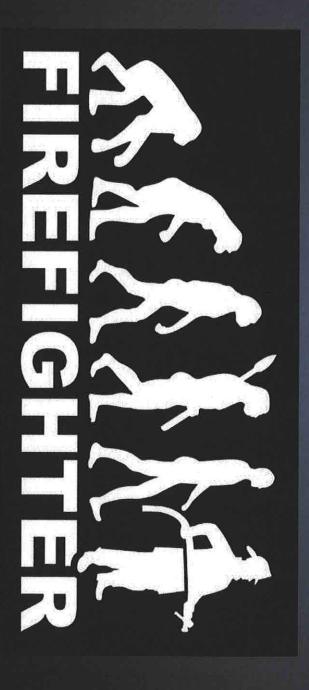
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Forrat 2 Pack 6.0Ah 20V
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Replacement for Dewalt
20V Battery DCB206...
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ARE WE EVOLVING?



EVOLVING TRAINING

- Risk-based response to battery emergencies
- Hazmat refresher classes

EVOLVING EQUIPMENT

- Overpacking drums
- Fire blanket
- Emergency Plug for EVs
- F500

EVOLVING TACTICS

- Fire Attack involving Batteries (whether or not batteries are the cause)
- Vehicle Extrication
- Vehicle FiresPut it out?
- Dunk it?
- Let it burn?

